



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

“K” DIVISION

PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 0900 hours on 2022-01-30.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- RCMP K DEOC has been activated for this event, and will coordinate information and tasking through this central point.
- The area of concern is the Coutts border crossing and surrounding area.

CURRENT STATUS:

- Southern Alberta District (SAD):
 - Both northbound and southbound lanes of Highway 4 are blocked.
 - As of 1030 hours, we have a count of 139 vehicles blocking the northbound lanes, and 108 blocking the southbound lanes (primarily semi trucks).
 - 43 semi operators have expressed their desire to leave once egress is established for the larger vehicles.
 - An egress route through Coutts has been established for emergency vehicle access.
 - RCMP are engaged with CBSA and US Customs and Border Services in discussions specific to alternate border crossing arrangements.
 - RCMP will maintain contact with organizers, continue to speak with them about the restrictions and highway blockades, the Consultative Conflict Management Group (CCMG) for this area has been engaged.
 - Splinter groups have broken off and are controlling the blockades. The communication between the organizers and the splinter groups is stagnant.



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- CCMG is trying to engage the splinter group representatives to gain concurrence on removing the blockades.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- Special Tactical Operations (STO) unit is preparing operational plans for engagement and centralizing resources in the event that a decision is made to remove the blockades. Currently investigators continue to try and deescalate the situation through voluntary compliance.
- Strategic traffic checkpoints have been established to re-route southbound traffic away from the Coutts congestion. This also prevents any additional protestors from accessing the main congestion location.
- Federal Section air support is engaged.
- RCMP extra resources being planned for extended operations.
- RCMP Operational Communication Centre to provide updated information to DEOC when called in by the public.
- Continuous managing of resources and responding accordingly to changing situations.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- Social media messaging from RCMP accounts is being used heavily in the print media.
- Social media is being monitored, coverage is primarily positive toward law enforcement.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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